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SUBJECT: SISCO'S CONVERSATION WITH KHADDAM

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SUBJECT: CALL BY UNDER SECRETARY SISCO ON FOREIGN MINISTER  
KHADDAM

1. UNDER SECRETARY SISCO PAID HALF HOUR CALL ON FOREIGN  
MINISTER KHADDAM DURING TRIP TO NEW YORK AFTERNOON NOV. 13.  
IN GREETING KHADDAM SISCO EXPLAINED THAT HE HAD NOTHING  
NEW TO CONVEY BUT THAT AS HE WAS GOING TO NEW YORK FOR  
SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT SECRETARY HAD ASKED HIM TO CONVEY HIS  
REGARDS.

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2. AFTER OPENING PLEASANTRIES, CONVERSATION TURNED TO

ARAFAT'S UNGA SPEECH, WHICH KHADDAM DESCRIBED AS "OPEN-MINDED" AND AIMED AT GIVING AMERICAN PEOPLE UNDERSTANDING OF PALESTINIAN PROBLEM. KHADDAM SAID ARAFAT'S SPEECH WAS "POSITIVE" AND "BALANCED", AND ADDED THAT WHAT IS NEEDED NOW IS EQUALLY POSITIVE ISRAELI RESPONSE. SISCO SAID HE THOUGHT AMERICAN PEOPLE WOULD BE LOOKING FOR TWO THINGS IN ARAFAT'S SPEECH: (1) TO WHAT DEGREE DOES IT POINT THE WAY TOWARD PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT RATHER THAN TERRORISM, AND (2) WILL PLO BE READY TO CO-EXIST WITH ISRAEL AND RECOGNIZE ITS RIGHT TO EXIST AS A STATE?

3. KHADDAM ASKED WHAT NEWS U.S. SIDE HAD AFTER SECRETARY'S RECENT VISIT TO ISRAEL. SISCO SAID SECRETARY HAD INSTRUCTED HIM TO REITERATE TO KHADDAM THAT WE ARE DETERMINED TO SEE

WHAT CAN BE DONE BY WAY OF MOVEMENT TOWARD A SETTLEMENT AND TO REAFFIRM WHAT SECRETARY HAD SAID TO KHADDAM AND PRESIDENT ASAD IN DAMASCUS. SISCO POINTED OUT THAT DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO AREA SECRETARY HAD COME WITH NO PROPOSALS AND HAD LEFT WITH NONE AND NONE WERE RECEIVED. WE WILL NOW BE CONCENTRATING ON WHAT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE AND WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH THE PARTIES AFTER THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DEBATE ON PALESTINE IS FINISHED. REGARDING KHADDAM'S QUESTION ABOUT ISRAEL, SISCO SAID ONE OVERALL IMPRESSION HE HAD COME AWAY FROM HIS RECENT VISIT TO ISRAEL WITH WAS THE RABIN GOVERNMENT HAS A STRONGER BASE. SISCO NOTED THAT WHEN RABIN GOVERNMENT FIRST TOOK POWER IT WAS OPERATING WITH A MAJORITY OF ONE AND INHERITED MANY DIFFICULT PROBLEMS. NOW IT HAS VOTES OF NATIONAL RELIGIOUS PARTY WHICH GIVES IT A BIGGER MARGIN IN KNESSET AND SEEMS MORE SELF-ASSURED; GOOD EXAMPLE OF THIS IS STRINGENT ECONOMIC MEASURES JUST ANNOUNCED BY GOI.

4. SISCO REITERATED OUR JUDGMENT THAT DOOR FOR FUTURE POSSIBILITIES REMAINS OPEN, AND WE HOPE TO CONTINUE OUR EXPLORATIONS IN COMING WEEKS. HE SAID HE WANTED TO REITERATE WHAT THE SECRETARY HAD SAID, I.E., THAT WE ARE VERY MINDFUL OF SYRIA'S VIEWS AND THAT OUR PURPOSE IS NOT TO DIVIDE THE ARAB WORLD; ON CONTRARY, OUR PURPOSE IS TO ASSIST THE PARTIES IN MAKING PRACTICAL PROGRESS.

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5. KHADDAM ASKED WHETHER UNDER SECRETARY HAD ANYTHING NEW OR SPECIFIC TO ADD. SISCO SAID HE HAD NOTHING BEYOND WHAT HAD ALREADY BEEN CONVEYED, BUT, AS HE HAD SAID AT OUTSET, PURPOSE OF HIS VISIT WAS TO CONVEY SECRETARY'S GREETINGS AND GOOD WISHES AND TO REITERATE TO KHADDAM OUR DETERMINATION TO CONTINUE OUR EFFORTS AND OUR INTENTION TO BE BACK IN TOUCH WITH SYRIANS IN FEW WEEKS. KHADDAM

EXPRESSED APPRECIATION TO UNDER SECRETARY FOR COMING AND  
COMMENTED THAT SUCH CONTACTS ARE ALWAYS USEFUL AND  
SHOULD BE CONTINUED. KISSINGER UNQUOTE. KISSINGER

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